

WEDDING BELLS

O'CONNOR—O'NEIL.

On Wednesday, April 28, the Catholic Church, Fairlie, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, was the scene of a pretty and interesting wedding. The contracting parties were Miss Mary O'Neil, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neil, and Mr. Patrick O'Connor, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Connor, two well-known and highly respected Catholic families of the district. The Rev. Father Le Petit celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful dress of ivory satin, trimmed with real lace, the usual veil and wreath, and carried a tastefully arranged shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss K. O'Neil and Miss O'Connor, the former wearing ivory crepe-de-chine, and hat of champagne velvet, trimmed with pink, and the latter, ivory crepe-de-chine, and hat of saxe blue velvet, with pink trimmings. They carried pretty bouquets of pink roses and clematis. After the ceremony many guests sat down to the breakfast, when eulogistic references were made to the sterling qualities of the bride and bridegroom. The number and value of the presents displayed showed the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are held.

MILES—MACKLE.

There was a large number present at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Kaikoura, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Mary Josephine Philomina Mackle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Mackle, and Mr. Reginald George Miles, only son of Mr. F. G. Miles. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a handsome dress of satin charmeuse with court train, the dress being trimmed with shadow lace and pearls. She wore a mob cap and veil, and carried a sheaf of white flowers and autumn leaves. The bride was attended as bridesmaid by her sister, Miss Eva Mackle, who wore a dress of cream ninon with cream hat. Mr. J. Lovett attended the bridegroom as best man. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a turquoise and pearl drop pendant and to the bridesmaid a pearl initial brooch, and the present of the bride to the bridegroom was a gold albert and locket. Miss M. Hailes presided at the organ during the ceremony, playing the Wedding March as the party entered and left the church. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Father Kelly, the bridal party and a number of relatives and friends adjourned to the residence of Mr. Mackle, where breakfast was partaken of. In a happy speech the Rev. Father Kelly proposed the toast of the 'Bride and bridegroom,' referring to the popularity of the young people and the esteem in which their parents were held by residents. Other toasts were also honored. The happy couple left by motor car on a honeymoon trip in the south. The numerous presents received, and which included several cheques for handsome amounts, were evidence of the popularity of the young people.

A number of friends and well-wishers of Misses M. Mackle and Miles met in the Catholic schoolroom recently, when presentations were made to the young ladies on behalf of the choirs of the church of the Sacred Heart and Star of the Sea. In presenting Miss Mackle with a handsome tea set Mr. J. Peoples referred to the good work done by the recipient in the church and asked her acceptance of the gift in token of the esteem in which she was held by members of the choir and as a gift on the occasion of her approaching marriage. Mr. A. Blake, on behalf of the congregation of the Star of the Sea Church, presented Miss Miles with a travelling bag in recognition of her services in connection with the church.

RYAN—O'MEARA.

St. Mary's Church, Rangiora, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on April 28, when Mr. Stephen J. Ryan and Miss Annie Cicely O'Meara, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Meara, of Rangiora,

were united in the bonds of Matrimony. The Very Rev. Dean Hyland, assisted by Rev. Father O'Boyle, performed the ceremony and celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of a Wedding March, played by Mrs. H. R. Dix, who presided at the organ, and who also contributed appropriate music during the Mass and as the party left the church. The bride wore a beautiful gown of cream palletta de soie trimmed with real lace, which was a gift and the work of the Good Shepherd Nuns, Mount Magdala. She wore the usual wreath and veil, arranged in mob cap style, and carried a sheaf of white chrysanthemums and asparagus fern. The bridesmaids (Misses K. O'Meara and M. Ryan) wore white crepe-de-chine frocks, draped with ninon and shadow lace, black velvet hats with white ostrich ruffles, and carried bouquets of white daisies and pink sweet peas. Mr. C. Ryan was best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold bangle, and to the bridesmaids a gold crescent brooch set with tourmalines, and gold wristlet watch. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of military brushes in ebony, and mounted in silver. Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara afterwards entertained about forty guests at breakfast at their residence. Very Rev. Dean Hyland presided, and proposed the toast of the 'Bride and bridegroom,' the other customary toasts being also duly honored. A large and beautiful array of presents gave evidence of the popularity of the newly-wedded couple, amongst which were a number of cheques. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan left by car for Christchurch *en route* to the North Island.

Karangahake

(From an occasional correspondent.)

May 12.

A very successful social was held under the auspices of the Catholic Club on the evening of the 7th inst. Montgomery's Hall was well filled, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Part of the evening was devoted to a euchre tournament, for which valuable prizes were presented, the lady's prize falling to Mrs. P. Crosby, and the gentleman's to Mr. Jury. The president (Mr. John Patton), in the course of the evening, presented our esteemed pastor, Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett, with a purse of sovereigns, contributed by the residents of Karangahake, as a mark of their appreciation of his worth, and as an expression of their pleasure at the high dignity recently conferred upon him. The Monsignor, in his usual witty style, thanked the donors, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing such a large gathering of all denominations enjoying themselves so heartily. Vocal items were contributed during the evening by Mrs. Lawry, Miss Geary (Waihi), and Miss Griffin. Mr. M. Farrell (club secretary), assisted by an energetic committee, deserves much praise for the excellent arrangements he had made in connection with the social, as it was most successful in every way.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

A very enjoyable euchre party was held recently at the Empire Hall in aid of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist local distress. The arrangements, which were in the capable hands of Mrs. Leydon and Miss Low, joint secretaries, were carried out without a hitch. Thirty-three tables were in use and some very good games were played. No less than four gentlemen and three ladies tied, with eleven games each. The winners were—Lady's prize, Mrs. Hickey; gentleman's prize (donated by Mr. C. P. Nash), Mr. J. Lynch; consolation prizes, Miss Malcairns and Mr. Setter. During the evening Mr. E. L. Broad presented the prizes, and in doing so thanked the company for their presence and for helping such a good cause. He also reminded them that the function was only the fore-runner of a series to be held during the winter months. Supper was handed round by a band of willing helpers.

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